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/The exact location of the Central Workshops of the HDB Sokolov is indicated by the circled number one, Enclosure A; and detailed description is given on Enclosure B, with legend./

1. Products, equipment, etc: (The abbreviation HDB stands for Hnedouhelne doly a briketarny, brown coal mines and briquetting plant). The workshops of the HDB Sokolov produce parts for locomotives, turbines, mine equipment, and compressors. They also have a fitting section. The workshops are equipped with lathes, milling machines, and welding machines; in the fitting and machining sections there is a mobile crane. Apart from the production of new parts, all workshop repairs to mining equipment are performed here. Machinery in the workshops is about 75 percent new. Motive power for production in the HDB Sokolov workshops is supplied by electricity, and compressed air.

2. Approaches: The enterprise is approachable by a railroad branch line, and by the Cheb-Sokolov highway, which skirts the installation. I do not know the numerical strength of the factory guard, but guards are on duty around the enterprise, and all employees entering or leaving the premises are checked.

3. Personnel, wages, etc: Approximately 250 persons are employed at the enterprise: 215 of these are men, the remainder women. Of the total number approximately 190 were workers, 60 clerical workers, and three engineers. Workers on the production line received about 4,500 crowns per month; master workmen and time and motion men (sic) earned about 8,000 crowns per month. Of the total enterprise staff, approximately 20 percent were Communists. The enterprise normally worked on a two shift system, though a third shift was used occasionally. The morale of the workers (mostly the young ones) was poor because of low earnings. Fights and demonstrations frequently occurred on paydays, which often necessitated calling in the factory guard. Workers constantly demanded higher pay. An all-enterprise meeting for all employees was held twice a month, and was normally attended by only 25 percent of the employees. The considerable quantities of Communist propaganda circulated among the workers

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by factory radio, leaflets, various meetings, etc, had virtually no effect on the workers who, merely laughed at the Communists and, among each other, cursed the regime. The propaganda which claimed that the standard of living today (1952) is better than it was under the capitalist system was not credited by the workers, nor even by those Communists who were true to the regime. 50X1

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ENCLOSURES: A: Sketch-map of Cheb
B: Sketch of the HDB Sokolov Central Workshops

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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SKETCH-MAP OF CHEB

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30° 15'

CHEB 3949

30° 20'

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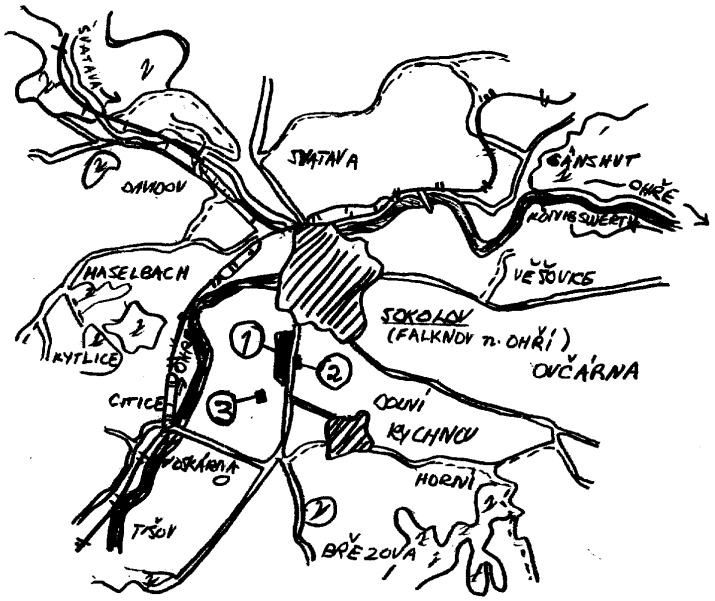


1. VSTŘEDNÍ DÍLNY HDB (HNĚDOUHELNÉ DOLY A BRIKETÁRNY) – SOKOLOV v DOLNÍM RYCHNOVĚ
2. ELEKTRÁRNA v DOLNÍM RYCHNOVĚ
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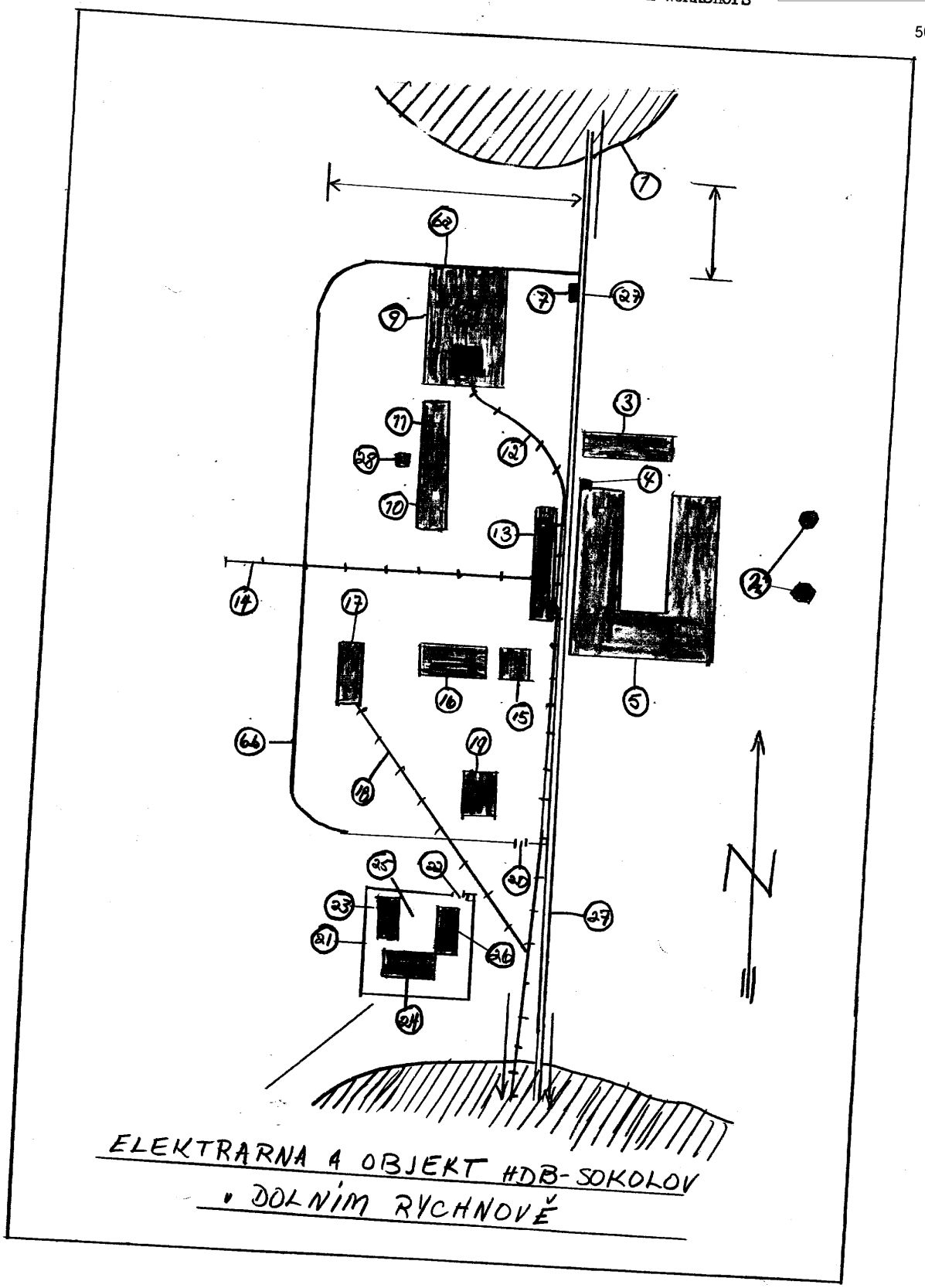


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Key to Enclosure B: Power Plant and General Area of the HDB Sokolov Plant in Dolni Rychnov

1. City of Sokolov
2. Two cooling towers: wooden construction; 8 meters in diameter, 12 meters high
3. Administrative office of the power plant: three-story brick building, 70 x 30 meters
4. Gatehouse of the power plant: brick annex, 10 x 10 x 4 meters
5. Power plant: 80 x 80 x 25 meters

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6a. Wooden fence, approximately 250 meters long
6b. Wire fence, approximately 600 meters long
7. Gatehouse, 5 x 5 meters
8. Warehouse: 40 x 40 x 20 meters, brick building for storage of mining machines
9. Wire fence surrounding the warehouse
10. Central workshops: 90 x 45 x 25 meters, steel and brick construction
11. New building: 90 x 40 x 25 meters, steel construction with tarpaper roof
12. Factory branch rail line
13. Ramp for sorting coal, and coal bins
14. Narrow gauge track along which coal is transported to the sorter
15. Building of the enterprise council of the Antonin mine; dimensions unknown
16. Electrical workshop: 20 x 15 x 10 meters, brick construction
17. Roundhouse for HDB locomotives; dimensions unknown
18. Railroad branch line for the HDB enterprise
19. Administration building
20. HDB gatehouse
21. Wire fence, 2 and one half meters high, surrounding the administration building
22. Gatehouse: 10 by 6 meters, brick construction
23. Three-storey brick building, 30 by 15 meters housing the personnel section, the cadre section and the mangement of all mines in Sokolov, Svatove, and Kralovske Porici
24. Brick building, dimensions and purpose unknown
25. Courtyard
26. Administration Building, dimensions unknown
27. Highway from Sokolov to Cheb, 8 meters wide
28. Foundry for composition (Komposicna loziska, plastic or fiber composition) bearings; wooden house 12 by 10 by 10 meters.



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